Heli-Taxi service in Delhi

663. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to introduce a Heli-Taxi service to various places in Delhi on the pattern of Mumbai;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what would be its impact on the local transport system in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Committee on purchase of aircrafts

664. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Committee of Experts has recommended not to acquire 35 new aircrafts at a cost of about Rs. 3,000 crore as they are not cost effective;

(b) if so, what are the other reasons for putting off the project to acquire new aircrafts; and

(c) whether some deficiencies in tendering process have been noticed and if so, the action taken by Government against the guilty?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDI): (a) No, Sir. The project proposals to acquire new aircraft for Air India and Indian Airlines are at different stages of consideration.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

Flights of Air Sahara

665. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Air Sahara has announced daily flights to and from Colombo in Sri Lanka;

(b) if so, the places in India where Air Sahara flights will start and the places where it will terminate; and

(c) by when these flights will be operative?